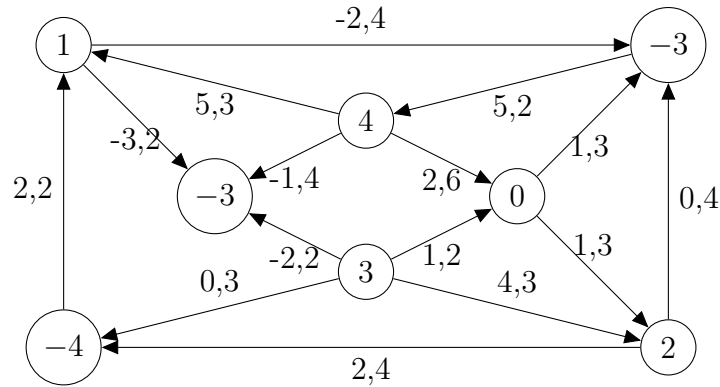


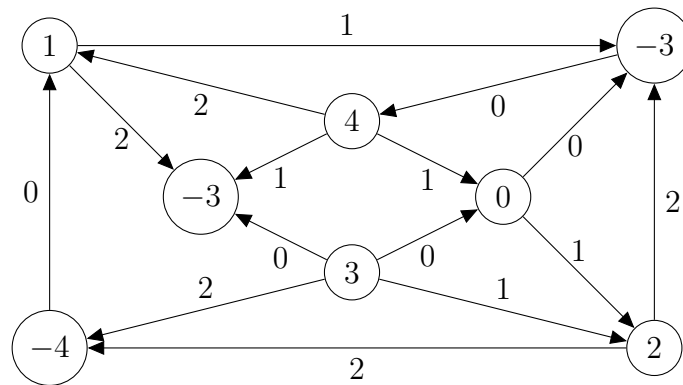
Due **Nov 9** before class (regularly). Just bring it before the class and it will be collected there.

Consider the following network  $M$  with costs and capacities depicted on edges and boundary in vertices.



**1:** (*Try Min Cost Flow algorithm*)

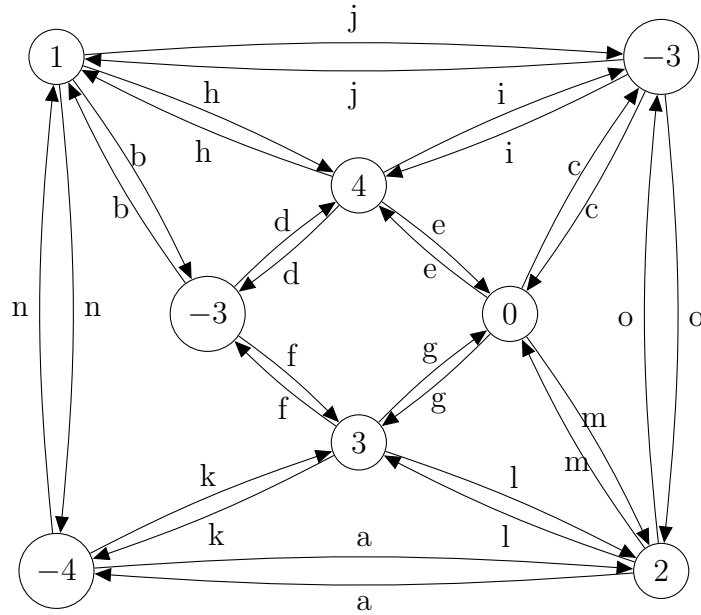
Consider the following  $b$ -flow  $f$  in  $M$ .



Compute the cost of  $f$ .

Start computing the minimum cost  $b$ -flow by finding a sequence of augmenting cycles starting from  $f$ . (No need to use minimum mean cycles, do two augmentations. No need to solve it to optimality.)

You may use the following template to create residual graphs for finding the cycle.



**2:** (*Min Cost Flow as Linear Program*)

Solve minimum cost  $b$ -flow for  $M$  using linear programming. That is, formulate the problem using linear programming and solve it using Sage or APMonitor. Then draw the resulting network.

**3:** (*Max Flow  $\subset$  Min Cost Flow*)

Show that the Maximum Flow Problem can be regarded as a special case of the Minimum Cost Flow problem. That is, for an instance of Maximum Flow Problem find a reformulation to Minimum Cost Flow problem whose solution can be interpreted as a solution to Maximum Flow Problem. That is, find *simple* algorithm that is solving Maximum Flow Problem and using Minimum Cost Flow as a black box subroutine once.